

COBURN PLAYERS IN  
SCHOOL FIRE INQUIRYStoring Costumes and Scenery  
at Western High Declared  
Violation of Law.

Inquiry into the granting permission to the Coburn Players to store their costumes and scenery in the Western High School building is expected to follow the fire that caused \$200,000 damage to that structure.

Complaints have been made by Georgetown residents of this use of the school building. One citizen and taxpayer, J. M. Muir, said today, "It appears that the fire started soon after these costumes were deposited there. Might not this disaster have been caused by the careless dropping of a cigarette, or a burning match, by some of the men in charge of the storage of the properties?"

While this theory of the origin of the fire is not held by school officials, they will look into the authority the Coburn players had for using the school building for storage purposes.

It was pointed out that the law expressly forbids the use of school buildings for any other than school purposes, and this prohibition is reiterated in the board of education rules.

"I know nothing of the storage of the costumes and scenery in the building," said Superintendent Thurston.

"I did not give permission for such storage, nor did I know any had been stored until I saw in the papers that the goods had been ruined by the fire."

Fire Marshal Nicholson today was informed to the theory that the blaze originated in the chemical laboratories. The auditor and his assistants testified that the gas had been turned on in the basement before the building was closed. This discounts the earlier theory that a light had been left burning in the laboratory.

Organization of the pupils of Western High School into classes at the Franklin and Fillmore schools will be made between today and Monday, and classes resumed regularly on Tuesday, according to the announcement of Superintendent E. L. Thurston today.

Western High School pupils and faculty will be assembled at the Business High School Monday morning at 8 o'clock, where the programs will be given out and classes assigned to rooms in buildings available. The laboratory work will be done at Tech, business, and Central, certain classes assigned for chemistry, physics, and biology when the laboratories at these schools are available.

Snowden Ashford, municipal architect, is now at work on estimates for a new school, and the opinion is advanced that if an emergency appropriation from Congress is immediately available a rebuilt Western High School can be occupied by January 1, 1915.

The schools have been overcrowded since the beginning of the year, and the problem of housing more than 600 pupils will be met as satisfactorily as possible. The assembly hall and several classrooms at the Franklin will be occupied by the Westerners, and it is expected the primary school and kindergarten classes there now will be moved to the J. Ormond Wilson Normal School.

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## WOULD BE CHAPLAIN

FATHER "TOM" SHERMAN, S. J.  
Son of the Late Gen. William Sherman  
Who Has Made Application to the White House to be  
Sent to Mexico as an Army Chaplain.CONLEY IS ACCUSED  
AT FRANK RETRIALPreacher Says He Overheard  
Him Tell Friend He Had Killed  
Mary Phagan.

ATLANTA, April 25.—Evidence tending to show that Jim Conley, and not Leo Frank, murdered Mary Phagan, was offered by lawyers for Leo M. Frank before Judge Hill in two affidavits—one from a white preacher and the other from a colored woman, both of whom swore to having heard a positive confession of the murder from the lips of Conley.

The Rev. C. Braggsdale, of Kirkwood, signed one affidavit, and Annie Maude Carter, the colored woman, signed the other.

The defense also introduced affidavits by Mrs. Maude Bailey, who swore to seeing a girl answering the description of Mary Phagan leave Frank's office and descend the steps toward the first floor on the afternoon of the murder.

The Rev. Mr. Braggsdale was corroborated by R. L. Barber, an acquaintance, who identified the colored man whom the minister had heard confess as Jim Conley. Mrs. Bailey's statement was supported by her mother, Mrs. May Barrett. Both were employed in the pencil factory at the time of the crime.

The Carter woman declared that Conley not only admitted to her the killing of Mary Phagan, but that he went into the minute details of the slaying. She was arrested last October and met Conley in jail. She said Conley confessed that Frank had had nothing to do with the murder.

"One of the men said to the other: 'I am in trouble and want you to help me out. I killed a girl at the National Pencil Factory.' The other man said, 'Well, who-all was there?' The first speaker said, 'Nobody there but Mr. Frank. I am not certain whether he was there or not.'"

## Obituaries

WILLIAM CALLAHAN, at 214a Bates street northwest yesterday.

JOHANNETTA KREUTER, at Providence Hospital, April 23.

## Funerals

William Callahan, at 214a Bates street northwest, Monday, at 9 a. m. Services at St. Aloysius Church. Interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Johannetta Kreuter, at 17 Fifteenth street northwest, Monday, at 2 p. m. Interment at Glenwood Cemetery.

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"There is a Flower that Blooms,"  
(Maritana), Charles W. HarrisonTENOR SOLO,  
"Yes! Let Me Like a Soldier Fall,"  
(Maritana), Walter WheatleySOPRANO SOLO,  
"Scenes That Are Brightest,"  
(Maritana), Grace KernaBARITONE SOLO,  
"In Happy Moments,"  
(Maritana), Vernon ArchibaldTENOR SOLO,  
"Then You'll Remember Me,"  
(The Bohemian Girl), Reed MillerSOPRANO SOLO,  
"I Dream I Dwell in Marble Halls,"  
(The Bohemian Girl), Grace KernaBARITONE SOLO,  
"The Heart Bowed Down,"  
(The Bohemian Girl), Vernon ArchibaldSOPRANO SOLO,  
"Come With the Gypsy Bride,"  
(The Bohemian Girl), Grace KernaSOPRANO AND TENOR DUET,  
"Shall I Tell You?"  
(The Beggar Student),  
Grace Kerna and Reed MillerVOCAL GEMS,  
"The Beggar Student,"  
Columbia Light Opera CompanyTENOR SOLO,  
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